--- 5 Pounds - “Series of 1883”- SNUFF - BLACK - 4th BABN Contract of October 22nd 1886 ---

--- inscribed NOT MORE THAN / *40%* / MOISTURE - design 459 x 19 mm. ---

--- lithographed on vertical mesh wove - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- RS-25(L) - perforated 12 - three beavers with foliage - 4 mm. blue controls ---

Separate taxation of snuff was initiated by the Budget of **1883**: 8¢ per pound for “over 40% moisture”
12¢ per pound for “not more than 40% moisture”.

The catalogue lists the lithographed “Series of 1883” 5 pounds, black, **Not More than 40% Moisture** snuff strip as follows:

RS-25(L) - 5 pounds, black, perf 12, on vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls

---

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay records 11,510 *lithographed* copies of “SNUFF, 5 lbs. Black 40% and under” as delivered. These are **RS-25(L)**.

5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) John McKay records 50,095 *lithographed* copies of “5 lbs. Black Snuff” as delivered. He may have combined both categories. But these are probably **RS-30(L)**.

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892) 11,510 lithographed **000001** to **011510**

--- Snuff / Not More than 40% Moisture ---

RS-25(L) - 5 pounds, black, perf 12, with 4 mm. control number **001973**,
lithographed on vertical mesh wove - with three beavers and overhanging foliage

001006★	RS-25(L)	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
001007	RS-25(L)	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
001660 ``	RS-25(L)	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
001947	RS-25(L)	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
001956	RS-25(L)	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
001964★	RS-25(L)	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
001973★	RS-25(L)	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove
008114	RS-25(L) CP	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in violet ink - suspect
008116	RS-25(L) CP	5 pounds, black, perforated 12, lithographed on vertical mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in violet ink - suspect

---

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RS-2** - the provisional 5 pound red overprint on the oblong, perforated **BOXES** stamp. Lee Brandom lists this **BOXES** stamp in “Division Open” as an imperforate plate proof. What was this printed upon?

File path is [c:\ MS - STAMPS \ RS_STAMPS \ 1883 \ less than 40% \ 5 pounds - black],
In MS Word 2007 for Windows 7,
Formatted for a HP CP 1525 Laser Jet,
January 7th 2014, JBH